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TAGS: PORG WMO ZE XC VS UN VN

SUBJ: 7TH WMO-APPLICATION MEMBERSHIP-DRV AND POSSIBLY "PRG"

REFS: A) GENEVA 2866; B) 71783 STATE

1. SUMMARY: ON EVE 7TH CONGRESS AND AFTER TAKING
SOUNDINGS LOCALLY SVN AMB. LE VAN LOI ESTIMATES IT
PROBABLY DRV WILL GAIN ENTRY TO WMO. MISSION AGREES.
THOUGH NO"PRG" MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION YET RECEIVED
BY WMO THERE APPEARS TO BE NOTHING IN WMO CONSITUION
OR RULES FORBIDDING REQUEST BEING MADE FROM FLOOR. IF
APPLICATION MADE, VAN LOI BELIEVES THERE STILL CHANCE
MOUNT BLOCKING THIRD, ALTHOUGH SUPPORT GVN FADING.
IF BOTH PRG AND DRV ARE ADMITTED AS MEMBERS VAN LOI
FEARS MOVE MAY BE MADE OUST SVN FROM ORGANIZATION.
END SUMMARY.

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2. IN COMPARING NOTES WITH VAN LOI WHO HAS BEEN

ACTIVELY CONTACTING LOCAL MISSIONS, AS WE HAVE, WE CONCLUDE THAT DRV BID ENTRY WMO WILL MOST PROBABLY BE SUCCESSFUL. COUNTER ARGUMENTS BASED ON AGGRESSIVE POLICIES DRV, THEIR BREAKING OF PARIS ACCORDS, ETC., APPEAR TO FALL LARGELY ON DEAF EARS.

3. REACTIONS TO PRG BID, FOR EITHER OBSERVER OR FULL MEMBER STATUS IS APPARENTLY BEING HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY EVENTS TAKING PLACE ELSEWHERE. VAN LOI FINDS THAT MANY OF LOCAL LDCS REPS ARE RESPONDING TO HIS PLEASE FOR SUPPORT BY OBSERVING THAT IF SAIGON CAN NEGOTIATE WITH PRG, WHY CAN'T PRG ALSO SIT AT WMO. HE THUS BELIEVES THAT EVEN THOUGH MOST OF THESE ARE AS YET UNINSTRUCTED, THEIR REACTION IS INDICATIVE OF TREND. VAN LOI AWARE USG POSITION RE REOPENING OF PRG OBSERVER STATUS QUESTION.

4. MOVE TO OUST SVN FROM WMO IS NOT SUBJECT ABOUT WHICH OTHER MISSIONS HERE APPEAR CONCERNED. NEITHER WE NOR VAN LOI HAVE RAISED THIS POSSIBILITY IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM. WE BOTH AGREE, HOWEVER, THAT

UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, E.G. ON AN ALGERIAN INITIATIVE, THE ISSUE MAY ARISE. AS VAN LOI SEES IT, ANYTHING SHORT OF COMPLETE PRG TAKEOVER IN WHICH CASE THE ISSUE WOULD BE ONE OF "SUCCESSION" RATHER THAN SUBSTITUTION, SVN OBLIGED VIGOROUSLY REACT.

5. VAN LOI FURTHER CONCERNED ABOUT UNDERSTANDABLY SLOW SAIGON RESPONSE HIS REQUESTS FOR INSTRUCTIONS AND INDICATES THAT AS A RESULT US-SVN CONSULTATIONS GENEVA TAKE ON ADDED IMPORTANCE FOR HIM. HE ASSURED MISSION WOULD CONTINUE COOPERATE MOST CLOSELY WITH HIM. DALE

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